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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended) An apparatus for compensating for interference in speech recognition, said apparatus comprising:
 - a first input medium which obtains an initial speech signal;
- a second input medium which obtains at least one interfering signal, wherein said one interfering signal is not statistically independent of said initial speech signal;

a normalizing arrangement which reconciles the initial speech signal and at least one interfering signal with one another to produce a final speech signal, wherein said reconciliation can be done in real-time; and

said normalizing arrangement being adapted to account for non-stationary noise in the at least one interfering signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first input medium is adapted to obtain the initial speech signal in an environment where noise corresponding to the at least one interfering signal is present and said noise is not linearly time invariant coupled to said initial speech signal.